

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for converting data from a proprietary format in an automation project or component to a format defined by a standardized meta format, said device comprising:

a conversion apparatus, ~~and further comprising means~~ for converting the proprietary format data into ~~with a defined~~ standardized meta data format ~~into project data and/or project planning data with a proprietary format, and~~

means for providing the data with a defined standardized meta data format for further processing[[]]; and

an export/import apparatus for importing and exporting data in different formats.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ device according to claim 1, further comprising a data storage apparatus for storing the data with a defined format.

5. (Previously Presented) An engineering system comprising the device according to claim 1.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)